WE DO NOT MOVE ALONE

SONGS,
CHANTS,
POEMS,
PRAYERS, AND
ARTWORK TO BE
USED IN THE CALL
FOR CEASEFIRE ON
GAZA AND FOR A
FREE PALESTINE





And who will join this standing up and the ones who stood without sweet company will sing and sing back into the mountains and if necessary even under the sea we are the ones we have been waiting for

—June Jordan

Courage, my friend We do not move alone We will, move with you And sing your spirit home

—South African Anti-Apartheid movement song used to learn the names of political prisoners

Adapted for use of our collected and collective works.

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Dear friends and comrades:

The world is awake and screaming. The world echoes the cries of our people in Palestine, currently experiencing an unprecedented intensification of ethnic cleansing at the hands of the occupying Israeli army, that has been conducting massacres and maintaining a brutal regime and settler colonial project over the people and land of Palestine for over 75 years. We are not confused and we are not afraid. Arm in arm, from the North to the South of the planet, millions are flooding the streets against the continuing Nakba in Palestine, against the bombs that continue to rain down on Gaza. We call this genocide. This is genocide. Thousands in Palestine continue to courageously resist their extermination, even if only with their aching voices, and so we move forward and alongside our people in shared study and in shared practice—to learn what it means to love life and to resist campaigns of death.

Thousands of our Jewish siblings are saying *Not in Our Name.* We echo their truth and their reclamation of holy song and prayer against the disfiguration of what safety means. We echo the Black feminists who teach None of Us are Free Until All of Us are *Free*. We echo the displaced Palestinians who remind us that We Will Return is a promise. This book is a tool and a resource for amplifying our voices against the machinery of mass death. This book is for creating sounds to puncture apathy and imposed silences. This book is an archive of presence; to say we were here, we ARE here, resisting the genocide of our people with every decibel and breath we have. We are here, we are here, and we are not alone.

May these songs, poems, and prayers find you wherever you are resisting collectively. May these words offer all of us a glimpse into a world in which everyone is free. May they remind us what peace and justice sounds and feels like. May they carry our people home.

HOW WE CAN USE THIS RESOURCE

Written by The Peace Poets

GATHERING: When everything is loud and chaotic, a song utilizes not just one voice, but multiple voices, to grab everyone's attention in a more inspiring way than yelling.

GROUNDING: Once we have everyone's attention, a song can remind us why we are here, as individuals and as a group. This can totally shift the way a rally, meeting or action feels both to participants and to those observing. When we are grounded, it's felt.

FOCUS: So often our actions involve conflicts that shift our focus from our original reason for being there. Our song can bring us back and unite us again in the right direction.

ENERGIZING: You know this. If the energy

is low, and we sing an up tempo song that can also invite people to move their bodies, clap, stamp, dance, then we're invigorated.

DE-ESCALATION: In moments of tension or violence, a slow song with the right message can calm both our people and also those being aggressive against us.

GRIEVING: In moments when it's hard to know what to say, we can sing a song that lets out our collective grief and the music helps connect us and comfort us.

BONDING: Whether people know each other well or not at all, singing together brings us closer together. Use a song even with groups not that into singing and we will all feel even closer after taking the risk of singing and creating something together.

MOVING: A song can be a signal to get a crowd to move. Like, 'when we start singing, we will take the streets'. Also, do you ever do actions in the freezing cold where everyone is standing still forever?

Don't! Please. Sing and get folks moving their bodies to warm up!

TRANSITIONING: For meetings, rallies, press conferences, or anything else, it hooks up almost everyone when we use a song to transition between one type of activity and the next, especially between speakers, so that people can actually participate in what is happening.

escalating: An elderly veteran friend once looked me dead in the eyes and said, "the right song can make us march into machine gun fire if necessary, so keep writing those songs, son". Just sayin.

ACCOMPANYING: When we can't reach others physically or when we want to make our presence felt outside a jail or police van or courthouse, etc. we can sing to our people that we are accompanying. This can inspire both them and affirm us.

CHANNELING: Since forever people have been evoking spirits with the power of

song. Too often our movements do not tap into the spirit of power that connects us to the ancestors and those not yet born. Obviously, this isn't everyone's thing, but it is a hella profound source of power.

MESSAGING: Listen. Sometimes we only got fifteen seconds to say our message. If we sing it, then people can both hear it and feel it. Plus, the media likes using songs.

TRANSFORMING: Music can transform space, energy and people. It happens to us all the time. Sing at the police, sing in the train station, sing in the community meeting. Feel it transform. How it transforms depends on the song, but it will transform.

BEAUTY: When we used to interrupt foreclosure auctions with song, my friend Karen would say, we confuse them with our loveliness. Let's do that. And let's move them and seduce them and behoove them and inspire them and rewire them and hold them and remold them and invite them and incite them with our loveliness too.

RAGE: Let's be real—we're mad as hell and we should be. It's good for our health to let it out. Songs that channel our rage are collective therapy. Sing them often and loud.

LOVE: Some of the most overwhelming feelings of love I've ever had have been singing in social movements. Singing love for the children, the incarcerated, the deceased, the ancestors, the trees, the rivers, the future generations. Sing love.

CONNECTEDNESS: If you want the group to feel connected to each other, to their purpose, to their history or to their vision... It happens when we sing together.

PURPOSE: I don't know about you, but I sometimes forget that our purpose is both complex and simple. To love and protect life. When we sing about our purpose, we are returned to it. We find ourselves renewed to take action. because our purpose is worth it.

CLOSING: This is actually the most common use of a song and for good reason. We can close any type of gathering by inviting the group to sing together and in doing so actually getting on the same vibration. This level of togetherness is an intrinsic reminder to the validity of all our efforts. We close the space knowing that we are interconnected, inspired and in it together for the long, long walk to freedom.

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SONGS

▶ Shared with the Ceasefire Choir made up of organizers of the multi-faith, multi-racial, and intergenerational "Pray for the Dead, Fight for the Living" march in Washington, D.C., Friday, October 20, 2023. Partnering organizations included the Adalah Justice Project, the US Campaign for Palestinian Rights, the Rising Majority, Movement 4 Black Lives, Dream Defenders, American Muslims for Palestine, Harriet's Wildest Dreams, Arab Resource & Organizing Center, Showing Up for Racial Justice, Jewish Voice for Peace, the People's Action Network, Grassroots Global Justice Alliance, the Institute for Policy Studies, and the Kairos Center for Religions, Rights, and Social Justice.

Created by the Ceasefire March when they combined a popular chant in Arabic, "Hurra, hurra falastine" with Josh Blaine's We Get There Together"

Hurra hurra falastine

Hurra hurra falastine Hurra hurra falastine Hurra hurra falastine We get there together or never get there at all

◆ Shared by the New Synagogue Project

We Rise

Batya Levine
We rise, humbly hearted
Rise, won't be divided
Rise, with spirit to guide us
Rise!
In hope, in prayer, we find ourselves here
In hope, in prayer, we're right here
In hope, in prayer we find ourselves here
In hope, in prayer, we're right here

We Are the Ones

We are the ones we've been waiting for We are the ones we've been waiting for

Which Side Are You On

Black Youth Project 100 Remix

Which side are you on? Which side are you on? We're on the freedom side!

Which side are you on, now? Which side are you on?

Where You Go

Passed down to Mary Hooks from Wendi Moore-Oneal, New Orleans
Where you go I will go
Where you go I will go beloved
Where you go I will go beloved
Where you go I will go
Cause your people, are my people
Your people, are mine
And your people, are my people
Your divine, my divine

We Are The Children

Passed down to Mary Hooks by Tafarah Muhammad *sing this about three good times with ya eyes closed and once folks grab it, then divide folks up to do some adlibs, repeat and stir it up!

We are the children of the ones who did not die And we are the children of the people who could fly And we are the children of the ones who persevered We are fearless we are strong and we ready to carry on

Ad libs / repetitions:

And we ready to carry on Fearless! fearless! Fearless! And we ready to carry on

Palestine Will Be Free

Ossama of Movement for Black Lives
From the river to the sea
From the river to the sea
From the river to the sea
Palestine, will be free
Palestine, will be free

Ella's Song

Sweet Honey in the Rock
From the words of legendary Civil Rights Organizer, Ella Baker
We Who Believe in Freedom Cannot Rest
We Who Believe in Freedom Cannot Rest Until It
Comes

◆ Shared by Jewish Voice for Peace

We're Gonna Rise Up

Momentum Community
We're gonna rise up,
rise up till it's won
We're gonna rise up, rise up till it's won
When the people rise up, the powers come down
When the people rise up, the powers come down
They try to stop us, but we keep coming back
They try to stop us, but we keep coming back

Our Power

Rena Branson

We will not underestimate our power any longer—
we know that together, we are strong.
Like drops of water shape the rocks as they rush down the falls, we know that together, we are strong.

The People Gonna Rise Like The Water

The Peace Poets (adapted with permission for this action)
The people gonna rise like the water
We gonna face this crisis now
I hear the voice of my great granddaughter
Saying Palestinian freedom now

Which side are you on

Florence Reece (adapted for this action)

Which side are you on, now? Which side are you on? (4x)

Bombs surge and homes burn
But you don't hear the call
'Cause AIPAC keeps paying you
Does it weigh on you at all?
Does it weigh on you at all? (4x)
Which side are you, now? Which side are you on?

(4x)

◆ Shared by the Kairos Center for Religions, Rights and Social Justice. Sung by the Ceasefire Choir during the "Pray for the Dead, Fight for the Living rally prior to the march)

May This Body Be A Bridge

Theresa Martin

PART 1:

May this body be a bridge for the healing of the land May the river flow through us cleansing greed from our hands

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PART 2:

We are, we are born from the water
We are, we are made from the land
Teach us, teach us, oh Great Mother
To bring, to bring peace to this land
Lyrics: Part one is inspired by Said Abdallah; part 2 by Theresa
Martin

Melody: Theresa Martin

We Get There Together

Josh Blaine (Sung by the Ceasefire Choir as people lined up to march)
No one is getting left behind this time
No one is getting left behind this time
We get there together or never get there at all
We get there together or never get there at all

Rebel

Peace Poets (adapted by the Ceasefire Choir for this action)
Rebel against the war they sell
Rebel against the lies they tell
Rebel and let us do this right
Rebel for all the children of Gaza tonight

Blessed Motion

I believed in solid ground until I saw the earth in motion And the winds of steady change And the ever rolling ocean

Will The Circle Be Unbroken

Remix by Matt Puckett
There are loved ones in our hist'ry
Whose dear voices we will miss,
When they close their earthly stories
Who will take the torch from them?

Will the circle be unbroken by and by, Lord, by and by? There's a better world awaiting If we build it, you and I

Our ancestors, many years back Carved a path on freedom's road And their songs still call us forward Telling us which way to go

We remember all the meetings Gath'rings of the bold and brave How they rallied, stood together So we, too, might stand one day

Will the circle be unbroken by and by, Lord, by and by? There's a better world awaiting If we build it, you and I You recall those songs of justice Which we learned when we were young, Now we're growing into teachers And we pass the flame along

All around us, leaders rising Adding power to the song Though it's longer than a lifetime The arc bends on and on

Will the circle be unbroken by and by, Lord, by and by? There's a better world awaiting If we build it, you and I

Up Over My Head

Sister Rosetta Tharpe (Popularized for Civil Rights Movement by Bernice Reagon Johnson)

"Up Over My Head" is a song that comes out of the gospel tradition. It was popularized during the Civil Rights Movement by SNCC (Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee) Freedom Singer Bettie Mae Fikes. Bettie Mae Fikes was a founding member of the Freedom Singers, who used song as an essential tool to empower and educate audiences about civil rights issues during the Civil Rights Movement of the 60's.

Up over my head
I see freedom in the air
Up over my head
I see freedom in the air
Up over my head
I see freedom in the air
And I really do believe, I said I really do believe

A change is coming out there I see justice in the air I see love in the air I see peace in the air I see freedom in the air

Set It Right Again

Ana Hernandez

This song adapts a line from Sojourner Truth's stirring and courageous speech at the 1851 Women's Rights Convention in Akron Ohio, as transcribed by Marius Robinson: "I have heard the Bible and have learned that Eve caused man to sin. Well if woman upset the world, do give her a chance to set it right side up again." The song calls us all to action as we contemplate the "great trouble in this land"—and that we are the ones who will "set it right again".

There's a great trouble in the land We're gonna set it right again (3x) We're gonna set it right, set it right again

Trouble been brewing too many years
We need healing across the land
We need justice across the land
We're building a movement across the land

Rise Up

Charon Hribar and Jose Vasquez (call + response)

"Rise Up" is a song written in the wake of growing uprisings around the United States in 2016 responding to the unjust killings of black people (Michael Brown, Eric Garner, Freddy Gray, Alton Sterling, Philando Castile and others) by police; the militarized response to protests against the Dakota Access Pipeline on the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation; the government's intentional disregard that led to the water crisis in Flint, MI; as well as worsening economic conditions experienced by the 140 million poor and low income people in this country. Drawing on a long-standing tradition of call and response music, "Rise Up" is a call to unite as poor and dispossessed people to put an end to the violence, hatred, and greed enacted against our people.

Rise up we're gonna rise up (2x) We ain't gonna let nobody turn us around Because the people united will stand our ground

Rise up we're gonna rise up (2x) The powers that be can't keep us down We're gonna rise up and turn the world around

Rise up come on and rise up (2x)
The people are ready so follow our lead
We'll put an end to the violence, the hatred and greed

Rise up we're gonna rise up Rise up we're gonna rise up Rise up (4x)

No Nos Moveran / We Shall Not Be Moved

This song is a classic of the labor and Civil Rights struggles spanning the 20th century. Originating from the spiritual "I Shall Not Be Moved", the song first became an abolitionist song and was eventually translated into Spanish, becoming "No Nos Moveran" during actions such as Mexican American and women-led pecanshellers strike of 1938. The song was also used to protest the fascist government in Spain of the middle 20th century, as well as the anti-Pinochet movement Chile following the violent coup of 1973. The song was sung extensively in the US during the Civil Rights Movement when it became an anthem taught by the Highlander Folk School to movement organizers and popularized by groups like The

Weavers and many others. Joan Baez continued to sing the song in both Spanish and English, performing in solidarity with Cesar Chavez and Delores Huerta in the United Farmworkers strikes of the 1970s.

No, no, no nos moveran! No, no, no nos moveran! Como un arbol firme junto al rio No nos moveran

We shall not, we shall not be moved We shall not, we shall not be moved Just like a tree that's planted by the water, We shall not be moved

Unidos en la lucha, no nos moveran Unidos en la lucha, no nos moveran Como un arbol firme junto al rio No nos moveran

We're fighting for our rights (and) We shall not be moved...

No, no, no nos moveran! No, no, no nos moveran! Como un arbol firme junto al rio No nos moveran Unidos en la vida, no nos moveran...

▶ The following were sung and/or shared during the multi-faith, multi-racial, and intergenerational pray-in of Rep. Hakeem Jeffries office Tuesday, October 24, 2023 organized by the Adalah Justice Project, the US Campaign for Palestinian Rights, Rising Majority, Movement 4 Black Lives, Jewish Voice for Peace, and the Kairos Center for Religions, Rights, and Social Justice. The theme of this pray-in was that "the whole world is watching. Ceasefire is the moral choice."

#Ceasefirenow #Pray4Gaza #AllEyesOnJeffries

Courage

South African Anti-Apartheid movement song Courage, my friend You do not walk alone We will, walk with you And sing your spirit home

↓ These songs were collected by organizers of the Jewish Voice for Peace action Friday, October 27, 2023 in Grand Central Station in New York City.

Lo yisa goy el goy cherev

Lo yisa goy el goy cherev lo yil'medu od milchamah x

Raising Our Voices

Sarina Partridge

Raising our voices Higher and higher No more

War

We call for a ceasefire

Hey Hey Ya Falastin

dig elrim7 b3oud alzeen (hey, hey, ya falasteen) wintoo ya nshame mneen (hey, hey, ya falasteen)

Rimon Ramatani

Salim Halali

Rimoun Ramatni chourriftou biha Tallat mina elbab fa 'assa nouriha

(Rimoun, when meeting her, I was overwhelmed by her honor

She peeked at me from the door, oh I wish I could've seen her)

Where you go I will go

Shoshana Jedwab Where you go, I will go, Palestine Where you go, I will go

Cuz your people are my people Your people are mine Your people are my people Your Divine my Divine

(replace with Siblings/Beloved/ Children/ Ancestors /anything else)

Mourner's Kaddish

Yitgadal v'yitkadash sh'mei raba. B'alma di v'ra chirutei, v'yamlich malchutei, b'chayeichon uv'yomeichon uv'chayei d'chol beit Yisrael, baagala uviz'man kariv. V'im'ru: **Amen.**

Y'hei sh'mei raba m'varach l'alam ul'almei almaya.

Yitbarach v'yishtabach v'yitpaar v'yitromam v'yitnasei, v'yit'hadar v'yitaleh v'yit'halal sh'mei d'Kud'sha B'rich Hu, l'eila min kol birchata v'shirata, tushb'chata

v'nechemata, daamiran b'alma. V'imru: **Amen.** Y'hei sh'lama raba min sh'maya, v'chayim aleinu v'al kol Yisrael. V'imru: **Amen.** Oseh shalom bimromav, Hu yaaseh shalom aleinu, v'al kol Yisrael. v'al kol yoshvei tevel V'imru: **Amen**

Hey Hey Ya Falastin

falasteen 3arabiyyeh (hey, hey, ya falasteen) min al maya lal maya (hey, hey, ya falasteen)

Volt Ikh Gehat

Adrienne Cooper (lyrics) Melody: traditional Khasidic

Volt ikh gehat koyekh Volt ikh gelofn in di gasn Volt ikh geshrign sholem Oy, Sholem, Sholem, Sholem

If my voice were louder And my body stronger I would tear through the streets Shouting Peace, Peace, Peace

(Can replace "peace" or "sholem" with other languages or other words like "tzdek" "Justice")

May I Be Empty/Full

Batya Levine
May I be empty and open
To receive the light
May I be empty and open
To receive

May I be full and open To receive the light May I be full and open To receive

Voice of my Ancestors

I hear the voice of my [ancestors] calling me (2x) Stand in your power, They said, stand in your power Listen listen (2x)

May the rivers all run clear May the mountains go unbroken May the trees stand tall May the air be pure May the earth be shared by all

A Precious Blessing

Jo Kent Katz
Oh precious [name here]
Be who you are
May you be blessed
with all that you are (2x)

◆ The following songs were shared by Lu Aya of the Peace Poets who has been leading songs in the Bay Area and across the country calling for a ceasefire.

Beloved

Lu Aya Beloved, we will fight for you, beloved You are Beloved, we will pray for you, beloved You are Beloved We'll take the streets for you beloved You are beloved

We Have Not Come Here Alone

Peace Poets

We have not, come here alone
We carry our people in our bones
We have not, come here alone
If you listen, you can hear them, in my soul

We Are Not Afraid

Peace Poets

We are not afraid, we are afraid We will live for liberation 'Cuz we know why we were made

We Have Come

Lu Aya

We have come with a force more powerful Than the guns in our enemy's hands It's our love of all creation—
That will liberate this land.

My People Are My Reason

Peace Poets

My people are my reason, my people are my reason My people are my reason I ain't never giving up! You can't hide from freedom, you can't hide from freedom

You can't hide, no you can't hide, cuz freedom gonna come

We Remember

Written and performed by Stephen and Jamie of the Flobots at the one year anniversary of Mike Brown's death—August 2015. It was a long march that culminated in a vigil at the city and county building where people named people lost to police violence.

LISTEN HERE:



Ya Bahriyya

Marcel Khalife

Note: This part of the song "يا بحرية هيلا هيلا هيلا هيلا هيلا الله is the chorus" is the chorus (ya bahriyya hela hela hela hela), which is a call for sailors. Bahriyya means sailors and hela is used as rhythm as a part of a chant.

Gather your strength, there's strength a boat is calling to the sailors.

Gather your strength, there's strength a wound is calling to freedom.

The foreigner has left, beneath the harbor hunger is digging. The sea has risen, the sea is crying, tears are complaining, the heart is speaking.

Behind the castle, we are a castle, the world's squares are our place.

O sir, the harbor's sir, it's known that we're coming to the castle.

The voice of the southerners, the southerners are being heard, and the south is the quarry for chivalry.

The voice of the southerners, the southerners are being heard, and ribbon of treason is removed.

يا بحرية مارسيل خليفة

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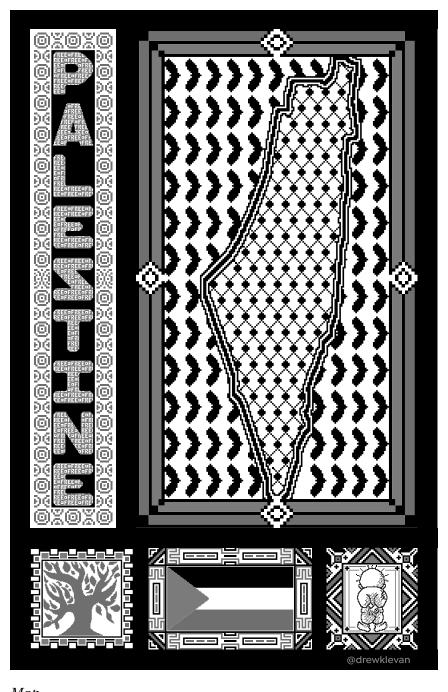
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يا بحرية هيلا هيلا هيلا

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صوت جنوبي جنوبي نسمع وشريط الخيانة ننزع يا بحرية هيلا هيلا هيلا



Map Drew LeVan

WE DO NOT MOVE ALONE

CHANTS

Palestinian protest chants

بالروح بالدم نفديك يا فلسطين Bilro7, bildem, nifdeek ya Falasteen With our souls, With our blood, we will sacrifice for you, Palestine

Diaspora Chants

via Unknown/Instagram

Min Gaza tule3 elqarar, intifada w intisar The decision came from Gaza, revolution and victory

3ali 3ali 3ali 3ali 3ali 3ali 3alam a-thawra 3ali! Raise (x6) the flag of revolution, raise it!

Bab al-Aqsa min 7adeed, ma byifta7 illa lal shaheed The door of al-Aqsa is made of steel, it only opens for the martyr

Thowra thowra 3al mu7tal, ghayr al-thowra ma fi 7al Revolution Revolution against the occupier, Other than revolution, there is no solution

W meen qal alsha3b mat, hayna bnehtef fil shatat Whoever said the heart of the people died: Here we are, shouting, in the diaspora

Ya aseer seer, i7na warak lil ta7rir Oh prisoner, become become, we're behind you until freedom Ya shaheed irta7 irta7, ni7na min kamil il kifa7 Oh martyr, rest, rest, we will finish the struggle

Huriye Huriye Intifada Sha3biye Freedom Freedom, Popular Uprising

Thawra Thawra 7ata a-Nasr Revolution, Revolution Until Victory

Ma 5liqna tn3eesh bthol, 5ligna n3eesh bi 7uriya We weren't born to live in the shadows, we were born to live free

Ana raje3 raje3—Raja3 3a Safed wa Yafa—Raja3

3a Gaza wa Haifa—Raja3

3alal Galeel! —Raja3

3alal Khalil! —Raja3

3a Tabariya—Raja3

3a Manshiya—Raja3

Ana Raja3 Raja3! —Raja3

Ana Raja3 Raja3! —Raja3

(TRANSLATION)

I'm returning, returning—Returning
To Safad and Yaffa—Returning
To Gaza and Haifa—Returning
To Galilee! —Returning
To Al-Khalil! —Returning
To Tabariyya—Returning
To Manshiya—Returning
I'm returning, returning! —Returning
I'm returning, returning! —Returning

Solidarity chants in Spanish

Heard in the streets from Queens, New York to countries across Latin America / Cantos y consignas de solidaridad en español se escuchan en las calles desde Queens, Nueva York hasta países de toda América Latina.

Desde el Rio, Hasta el Mar Palestina Libertad Desde el Rio, Hasta el Mar!

¡No es una guerra, es genocidio! ¡No es una guerra, es genocidio!

¡Viva, Viva Palestina! Viva, Viva Palestina

Israel culpable, Europa responsable Israel culpable, Europa responsable

Que viva la lucha del pueblo palestino Que viva la lucha del pueblo palestino

Chants from various organizers

◆ Chants from the JVP Action on Friday, October 20, 2023

Let Gaza Live!

[Congress,] pick a side! Ceasefire, not genocide!

Call and response:

Palestinians have the right to live in freedom the right to return home

Call and response:

Free, free Palestine!
Call and response:
End the Occupation!
Palestinian Liberation!

Call and response:

No More Weapons, No More War! Ceasefire's what we're fighting for! No More Weapons, No More War! Freedom's what we're fighting for!

◆ Chants shared with the Ceasefire Choir from Firas, choir member, chant leader, and local D.C. cultural organizer.

Ceasefire Now!

Not a nickel, not a dime, no more money for Israel's crimes Not a penny, not a dollar no more money for Israel's slaughter We want Justice, you say how end the siege on Gaza now We want Justice, you say how end the occupation now

Not in Our Name!

1234 occupation no more 5678 Israel is an apartheid state

Hey Hey Ho Ho The occupation has got to go

Free free Palestine Free free Gaza

Up, up with liberation Down, down with the occupation

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From the river to the sea Palestine will be free

Hurra hurra falastine

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Biden Biden you can't hide We charge you with genocide

Min el maya lilmaye (From water to water) Falastine arabeye (Palestine is Arab!)

Min al-nahr ila al-bahr From the river to the sea

No more weapons, no more war Ceasefire's what we're calling for

◆ Written by Sandra Tamari of Adalah Justice Project for Ceasefire Pray-in at Rep. Hakeem Jeffries Office Tuesday, October 24, 2023

(Call and response)
Ceasefire is
The moral choice!

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Free palestine, free palestine The murder of our children is never justified

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My whole / soul / knows the truth Our children have the right to live — just like you!

CEASE FIRE, CEASE FIRE
Our children are dying it can't get more dire
CEASE FIRE, CEASE FIRE
The voice of peace, must keep getting higher

Stop sending bombs, stop funding death Ceasefire now, if there's a heart in your chest

↓ These chants were collected by organizers of the Jewish Voice for Peace action Friday, October 27, 2023 in Grand Central Station in New York City.

Not in our name! Not on our dime!

Free Free Palestine!

Never again is now! Never again for anyone!

Up up with liberation

Down down with occupation

Palestinians have the right to live in freedom the right to return home What do we want? Ceasefire! When do we want it? Now!

No more genocide! Free, free Palestine!

↓ (Based on Peace Poets, with permission)

- Ceasefire now
 Jews/We're against genocide
 Not in our name
 No safety in apartheid
- 2. We will not fall For their genocidal call [The only way out is: ceasefire now!] x2
- 3. Our grief will not Be weaponized As the people rise Jewish/Our voices cry Stop the genocide Free free Palestine



Until Everyone is Free, Mama Muralista

WE DO NOT MOVE ALONE

PRAYER & REFLECTION

Ladan Osman

(@OsmanLadan) Twitter/X User:

Oh God, please send Gaza helpers seen and unseen, from the earth and from the sky and from the water, from the humans, from the animals, from the cosmos, ameen ameen ameen ameen

Written and shared by Nubia Chong

I pause to create sacred space for my grief & rage,

I locate the grief & rage in my body,

I stay with and bear witness to the sensations that arise.

I honor the sensations & ask my body what it might need to feel cared for in this moment.

I lovingly care for my body in the way it needs so I may be of service to this movement for liberation and justice.

Gentle Reminder:

The current events of Genocide & violence activate our survival responses. We must lovingly care for ourselves to prevent exhaustion from toxic stress.

We must keep taking action in the way we know best. Meaningful action softens the feeling of powerlessness, softens the trauma responses, and allows energy to move through.

May we find ways to alchemize our collective rage, grief & terror into collective action demanding the liberation and safety of people in Gaza.

Written and delivered by Minister Jessica Anderson

Ceasefire Pray-in at Rep. Hakeem Jeffries Office on Tuesday, October 24, 2023

Oh liberating God

The world is watching

Make us resolute that there is nothing more righteous than to love you and love our neighbor

God remind us that we have your solidarity and your witness

Thank you that you have joined all of us to the genealogy of people who have pushed for justice before us

Guide us through the inspiration of

Our sacred texts and sacred reminders that

That when we get tired of standing for justice to stand therefore

That nothing should separate us from the love of our God

Not trouble, not persecution, not famine, not swords, not governments, not Twitter bans, not wicked theologies, not misinformation, not weariness from yet another fight for justice

Remind us,

That you hear us when we ask how long?

How long shall blood cry out from the ground?

How long will political leaders hear where is your Palestinian brother and ask

Am I my brother's keeper?

How long shall our faith co-opted to defend wickedness from high places

Oh misunderstood God

Remind us that the elders say you walk with us and talk with us but you also march with us and sit with us

O God, of peace

Hear our prayers

Move us to DC ceasefire now

And strengthen our hearts towards justice

Amen

ווען דער קלאָגער רופֿט

When the Wailer Screams * Ven Der Kloger Ruft

[G-d] You don't shame a broken heart (4x)	A tsebrokhen harts tustu nisht farshemen	אַ צובּראָכען האַרץ טוסטו נישׁט פֿאַרשעמען
You witness pain from the one who laments (2x)	Du zest di payn fun di vos yomern	דו זעסט די פּײַן פֿון די װאָס יאָמערן
And when the wailer screams, you listen closely	Un ven der kloger ruft tustu im derheren	און ווען דער קלאָגער רופֿט טוסטו אים דערהערען

Tekhine Teshuva, Tefila, Tsedukah, Published in 1916. Melody and translation by Noam Lerman.

(Yiddish Tkhines are Ashkenazi supplications that were created by, and centered the experiences of women, trans, and gender non-conforming people.)

Ani Bokhiya, melody by Noam Lerman

(Lamentations 1:16)

For these things do I weep עַל־אֵלֶה וּ אֲנִי בוֹכִיָּה Al-eyla ani bokhiya

Arabic translation:

على هذه انا باكية (<u>source</u>) 3la hathihi ana bakiya

Yiddish translation:

דערויף טו איך וויינען

Deroyf tu ikh veynen

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POETRY

What I Will

Suheir Hammad

I will not dance to your war drum. I will not lend my soul nor my bones to your war drum. I will not dance to your beating. I know that beat. It is lifeless. I know intimately that skin you are hitting. It was alive once hunted stolen stretched. I will not dance to your drummed up war. I will not pop spin break for you. I will not hate for you or even hate you. I will not kill for you. Especially I will not die for you. I will not mourn the dead with murder nor suicide. I will not side with you nor dance to bombs because everyone else is dancing. Everyone can be wrong. Life is a right not collateral or casual. I

will not forget where
I come from. I
will craft my own drum. Gather my beloved
near and our chanting
will be dancing. Our
humming will be drumming. I
will not be played. I
will not lend my name
nor my rhythm to your
beat. I will dance
and resist and dance and
persist and dance. This heartbeat is louder than
death. Your war drum ain't
louder than this breath.

From "The Final Meeting in Rome" By Mahmoud Darwish, translated by Fady Joudah

Good morning Gaza,
get up, drink my coffee, and rise.
Our funeral has arrived.
Good morning Gaza,
get up and recite
the verse of return
to a land we have carried
like a tattoo on the hand.
Good morning, you stranger to your house.
Not all God's earth is Rome
even if your flesh is a window-shop
for the masters of words. Your flesh,
is it Christ's brittle bread?
Good morning, you offering on the altar of the
Mediterranean basin,

cut your path short. You're a prayer rug for idolators, a cave of ancient civilizations, a tent for bedouin rulers,

you're the armor of the poor and the alms of millionaires.

They auction you as surplus to the market's demands.

And you are the dream of Palestinians on the streets, a river of bodies in one.

Good morning Gaza. Get up. Gather your one arm. The one you have left.

Good morning Palestinian flesh on the tables of ministers and presidents.

You're a stone

of solidarity and balance

among your executioners.

Not even your language protects you, so take a short cut.

Your flesh legitimates the police and the saint, they swap names, take turns, merge, bond, and sometimes split

into two kingdoms that war over you,

but when you rise,

they reunite over your flesh.

You're the geography of chaos, the history of this East,

so take a short cut.

You're a field of experiments for both heavy industry and light.

An encyclopedia of gunpowder, from the age of the catapult to the rage

of missiles that were manufactured in the West.

Palestinian flesh, in tribal nations and suited states that disagree over the price of potatoes, leather shoes, beets, crude oil, but agree on expelling you from your blood, gather in one arm, gather as one, and write the verse of return.

INTIFADA INCANTATION: POEM #8 FOR b.b.L.

June Jordan

I SAID I LOVED YOU AND I WANTED GENOCIDE TO STOP I SAID I LOVED YOU AND I WANTED **AFFIRMATIVE** ACTION AND REACTION I SAID I LOVED YOU AND I WANTED MUSIC **OUT THE WINDOWS** I SAID I LOVED YOU AND I WANTED NOBODY THIRST AND NOBODY NOBODY COLD I SAID I LOVED YOU AND I WANTED I WANTED **JUSTICE UNDER MY NOSE** I SAID I LOVED YOU AND I WANTED **BOUNDARIES TO DISAPPEAR** I WANTED NOBODY ROLL BACK THE TREES! **I WANTED** NOBODY TAKE AWAY DAYBREAK! I WANTED NOBODY FREEZE ALL THE PEOPLE ON THEIR KNEES!

I WANTED YOU
I WANTED YOUR KISS ON THE SKIN OF MY SOUL
AND NOW YOU SAY YOU LOVE ME AND I STAND
DESPITE THE TRILLION TREACHERIES OF SAND
YOU SAY YOU LOVE ME AND I HOLD THE LONGING
OF THE WINTER IN MY HAND
YOU SAY YOU LOVE ME AND I COMMIT
TO FRICTION AND THE UNDERTAKING
OF THE PEARL
YOU SAY YOU LOVE ME
YOU SAY YOU LOVE ME
AND I HAVE BEGUN
I BEGIN TO BELIEVE MAYBE
MAYBE YOU DO
I AM TASTING MYSELF

Moving Towards Home

IN THE MOUNTAIN OF THE SUN

June Jordan

"Where is Abu Fadi," she wailed.
"Who will bring me my loved one?"
New York Times, 9/20/82
(after the 1982 Phalangist/Israeli Massacre of
Palestinian Refugees in Sabra and Shatila)

I do not wish to speak about the bulldozer and the red dirt not quite covering all of the arms and legs Nor do I wish to speak about the nightlong screams that reached the observation posts where soldiers lounged about Nor do I wish to speak about the woman who shoved

her baby

into the stranger's hands before she was led away Nor do I wish to speak about the father whose sons were shot

through the head while they slit his own throat before

the eyes

of his wife

Nor do I wish to speak about the army that lit continuous

flares into the darkness so that others could see the backs of their victims lined against the wall Nor do I wish to speak about the piled up bodies and the stench

that will not float

Nor do I wish to speak about the nurse again and again raped

before they murdered her on the hospital floor Nor do I wish to speak about the rattling bullets that did not

halt on that keening trajectory

Nor do I wish to speak about the pounding on the doors and

the breaking of windows and the hauling of families into

the world of the dead

I do not wish to speak about the bulldozer and the red dirt

not quite covering all of the arms and legs because I do not wish to speak about unspeakable events

that must follow from those who dare

"to purify" a people those who dare "to exterminate" a people those who dare to describe human beings as "beasts with two legs" those who dare "to mop up" "to tighten the noose" "to step up the military pressure" "to ring around" civilian streets with tanks those who dare to close the universities to abolish the press to kill the elected representatives of the people who refuse to be purified those are the ones from whom we must redeem the words of our beginning because I need to speak about home I need to speak about living room where the land is not bullied and beaten into a tombstone I need to speak about living room where the talk will take place in my language I need to speak about living room where my children will grow without horror I need to speak about living room where the men of my family between the ages of six and sixty-five are not marched into a roundup that leads to the grave I need to talk about living room where I can sit without grief without wailing aloud for my loved ones

where I must not ask where is Abu Fadi because he will be there beside me I need to talk about living room because I need to talk about home I was born a Black woman and now I am become a Palestinian against the relentless laughter of evil there is less and less living room and where are my loved ones? It is time to make our way home.

Untitled

Nadine Murtaja

There, on the other side,

time changes, hours pass, and it gets darker, the sky takes off its dim dress, then the morning arrives. but here where I live, and breathe, life wears its black dress constantly to mourn the labour of my land, which took a long time. Here, the hanging clock, in my room is broken, not only this one, everyone's clock is broken here, my mother keeps saying everyone is waiting for the elixir, we've had it with the grief and agony, in this holy land we sleep and wake up on the sound of bombing and shooting so the first light of day rises in the evening, lighting up the sky with the blood of martyrs, here death sleeps not far from us

we all walk towards freedom, towards hope, we walk on the shattered glass of our broken windows,

we walk on stones that once were a house, carrying stories and secrets,

we walk with the screams of children, and the groans of mothers pulsating over and over in our ears.

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Mouth Still Open

Mosab Abu Toha

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Someone's mouth is still open. He hadn't finished
yawning
when shrapnel
pierced
through
his chest,
stung his
heart.
No wind
could
stop the
flying pieces
of shrapnel. Even
the sparrow on the lemon tree nearby wondered
  how they
     could
               move
               with
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no

wings

Oh Rascal Children Of Gaza

Khaled Juma

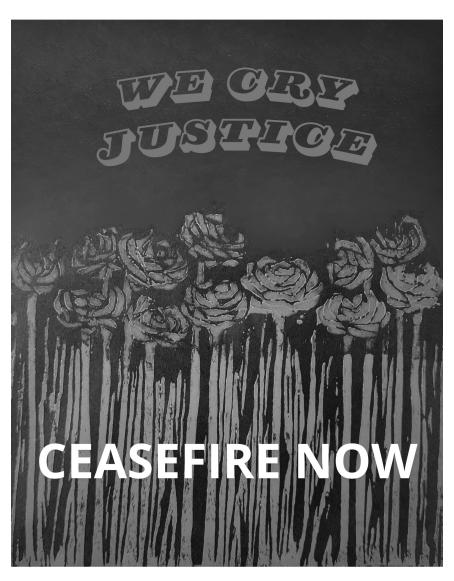
Oh rascal children of Gaza,

You who constantly disturbed me with your screams under my window,

You who filled every morning with rush and chaos, You who broke my vase and stole the lonely flower on my balcony, Come back— And scream as you want, And break all the vases, Steal all the flowers, Come back, Just come back...

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VISUAL ARTWORK



Ceasefire NOW!
Linocut print with digital lettering
Shailly Gupta Barnes (We Cry Justice Collective)

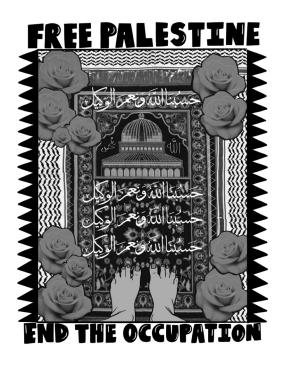


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An international and community mural project located in occupied Jerusalem. The project connects liberation struggles globally by installing the eyes of local and international leaders, artists, philosophers, and freedom fighters in the hills of Silwan. The eyes can be seen from across the city and around the world.

For More Information: www.iwitnesssilwan.org

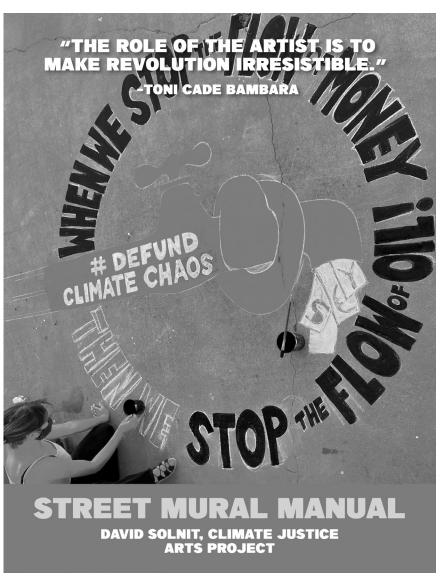
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Long Live Palestine
Dio Cramer



Ceasefire Street Art Manual
David Solnit



Genocide is not Justice Jesus Barraza

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Free Palestine

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